

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Environmental Education Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Environmental Protection Agency		2019	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
National Environmental Education Advisory Council		125	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	09/07/2018	09/07/2020	
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>	
No	20 U.S.C. 5501 et. seq.		
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>	
Continue	No	Not Applicable	
<b>11. Establishment Authority</b> Statutory (Congress Created)			
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
20 U.S.C. 5501 et. seq.	11/16/1990	Continuing	No
<b>15. Description of Committee</b> Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
<b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
<b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>Other Activities</b>
No Meetings	0	0	0

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

**19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)**

0.00 0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC) is charged with developing a biennial report assessing environmental education in the United States. The NEEAC produced and delivered three reports. One in 1996, one in 2005 and most recently in 2015. Each report contained specific recommendations to the EPA Administrator regarding environmental education in the United States.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

NEEAC's balance is achieved through active recruiting of representatives from the following sectors (as prescribed by the National Environmental Education Act): business and industry; primary and secondary education; college and university; State Department of Education and natural resources; non-profit; and senior Americans.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The NEEAC expects to meet approximately one to two times a year in a face to face meeting, subject to availability of appropriation funding. The NEEAC expects to meet in FY 2018 as soon as the new members are empaneled.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The NEEAC represents the leading policy makers, practitioners, providers, and researchers in environmental education. No other EPA advisory committee has the expertise necessary to provide advice to the Agency on the issue of environmental education as a tool for achieving environmental protection and health goals and in supporting EPA's goals and priorities through state capacity building, environmental education research, and education reform. Environmental education is a process that develops the critical thinking and problem-solving skills citizens need to make good environmental and health protection decisions for their communities, nationally and globally. Environmental education is based on sound science and effective education practices and is used as a tool to promote and protect human health and the environment and to encourage student academic achievement. Environmental education is multi-disciplinary in focus.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

NEEAC meetings are not closed or partially closed to the public.

**21. Remarks**

All members are Tier 1 (parent committee) members. There are no Tier 2 (subcommittee) members serving.

## Designated Federal Officer

Javier Araujo Environmental Education Specialist

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Eisenbraun, Elaine	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, Executive Director, John Day Watershed Council, Long Creek, OR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Griffin, Jane	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, President, The Groundwater Foundation, Lincoln, NE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Haines, Sarah	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, University Professor, Towson University in Towson, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jordan, Rebecca	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, University Professor, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Keena, Kelly	12/12/2012	06/15/2019	Underwriter Laboratories	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Leonard, Joshua	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, Education Director, Belwin Outdoor Science Center, Afton, MN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mistretta, Rosanne	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, Director of Experiential Learning, Abington Friends School, Wyncote, PA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Poole, Tanya	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, Wildlife Education Specialist, State Department of Education and Natural Resources, Pisgah Forest, NC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rydberg, Victoria	03/01/2015	11/10/2019	Tier 1, Environmental Education Consultant, State Department of Education and Natural Resources, Madison, WI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wilson, Shari	11/10/2016	11/10/2019	Tier 1, President and CEO, Project Central, LLC, Kansas City, KS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
de Mayolo, Kay	11/10/2016	11/10/2018	Tier 1, Former Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

## Narrative Description

The NEEAC issued a report in October 2015 and expects to meet as soon as the new members are empaneled in FY 2018. The National Environmental Education Act mandates the creation of the National Environmental Education Advisory Council (NEEAC). The purpose of the Council is “to advise, consult with, and make recommendations” to the EPA Administrator on matters relating to the activities, functions and policies of the National Environmental Education Act. The Office of Environmental Education carries out the design, implementation and management of those programs mandated by the Act, as well as the establishment of the advisory committee. The work of the Council focuses on providing the Office of Environmental Education (OEE) and the EPA Administrator with recommendations on improving and enhancing environmental education in the Agency. In addition, the Council serves as a national voice for environmental education, helping to provide a strategic vision in support of the field.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

N/A

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

For the life of the Council, recommendations have had an impact on the spending decisions made by the Office of Environmental Education. OEE's resources are better targeted to cost-effective programs and initiatives that include federal and other sector resources, at the greatest leverage points, and support the overall goals of environmental education and environmental protection. It is very difficult to do a cost/benefit analysis and other types of assessments for education programs. Research indicates that long-term, longitudinal studies are required to glean some understanding of the success of education programs on increased knowledge and improved student achievement as well as achieving environmental protection goals.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council makes formal recommendations to the Agency through their reports to Congress. They have written 3 such documents, for a total of 21 recommendations. There were 5 new recommendations in the October 2015 report.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

90%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

There is only one recommendation that the Agency has not fully or partially implemented: Update the National Environmental Education Act for the 21st Century. The Agency does not have the authority to implement this recommendation; only the Congress can pass legislation that would update the current environmental education act.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

5%

### % of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

One of the recommendations has been partially implemented. The recommendation contained in the 2015 report to update the OEE Strategic Plan and EE Grants program is currently being integrated into the current OEE 2017-2022 Strategic Plan.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### Agency Feedback Comments

The Agency provides both verbal and written comments to the Council through the DFO who collates all the comments from the Environmental Education Division.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

N/A

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A